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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the IDS filed on 8/6/2001, the declaration and power of attorney filed on 11/14/2001, which have been entered in the file.

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 12, line 9: "left" should be replaced with --right--, since blocks 244, 248, and 252 appear on the right side of figure 2A (see figure 2A and page 12 lines 9-15).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 3 and 40 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3, line 1: --information-- should be inserted after "identification", in order to correspond with "customer identification information" recited in claim 1 line 11.

Claim 40, line 7: --data-- should be inserted after "textual", in order to provide antecedent basis for "the textual data" recited in line 9.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 1-10, 13-20, 23-37, and 40-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stinson et al (US 6,145,738, cited by applicant) in view of Cadorette, Jr. et al (US 6,341,169 B1).

Stinson et al teaches a method and system for authorizing a customer to perform transactions with a self-service device (100), the method comprising: extracting a second set of biometric data directly from at least one feature of the customer (images of the customer) using a first identification device (digital video cameras 125), wherein the transactions comprise providing funds in exchange for a financial instrument identifying the name of the customer (cashing a check, see figures 6A and 6B, and column 8 line 33 - column 9 line 43), wherein the financial instrument is a check, wherein the transactions comprise a financial transaction (cashing a check), wherein the transactions comprise a nonfinancial transaction (for example: filing tax returns, see column 14 lines 50-65), recording customer identification information comprising a signature of the customer (the endorsement of the check, see column 8 lines 39-46), the biometric data are derived from facial features, fingerprints, or voice features (see column 9 lines 5-37), wherein the self-service device comprises a self-service kiosk (the device 100 is in kiosk form, see figure 1), comparing the first set of biometric data with a stored set of biometric data (see column 9 lines 5-18), a plurality of networked self-service devices (see figure 4) (also see figures 1, 3, column 2 lines 5-27, 36-43, column 4 lines 59-67, column 6 lines 5-14, 54-59, column 8 line 33 - column 9 line 43, column 10 line 29 - column 11 line 4, and column 14 lines 50-65).

Stinson et al fails to teach extracting a first set of biometric data regarding the customer from a verification instrument, extracting textual data regarding the customer from the verification instrument, comparing the first and second sets of biometric data to determine whether the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from a single individual, recording customer identification information if it is determined that the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from the customer, wherein the customer identification information comprises information derived from the extracted textual data, wherein the customer identification information comprises a name of the customer, wherein the customer identification information is further derived from one of the first and second sets of biometric data, wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from image data on the verification instrument, wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded magnetically on the verification instrument, wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded optically on the verification instrument, wherein extracting textual data comprises: extracting a database reference number from the verification instrument and retrieving the textual data regarding the customer from a database with the database reference number, prompting the customer to enter data for comparison with the retrieved textual data, wherein the comparing the first and second sets of image data comprises having a human examine the first and second sets of image data, wherein the stored set of biometric has previously been authenticated by comparison between a set of biometric data extracted from a verification instrument and a second set of biometric data extracted directly from at least one feature of the customer, a second identification device adapted to extract a second set of identification data and

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textual data regarding the customer from a verification instrument, a storage device in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices for storing customer identification information derived from the textual data, a comparator in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices, the comparator being configured to compare the first and second sets of identification data to determine whether the first and second sets of identification data are derived from a single individual, wherein the comparator is local to the at least one of the self-service devices, wherein the comparator is networked with the plurality of self-service device.

Cadorete, Jr. et al teaches a method and system for authorizing a customer to perform transactions, the method comprising: extracting a first set of biometric data regarding the customer from a verification instrument (extracting a photo from the credential, see column 15 lines 40-50), extracting a second set of biometric data directly from at least one feature of the customer (a captured image of the subject, see column 11 lines 51-65, and column 15 lines 40-50), extracting textual data regarding the customer from the verification instrument (see column 12 lines 20-25, and 35-44), comparing the first and second sets of biometric data to determine whether the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from a single individual (the system employs the OFR algorithm to compare the image from the credential to the captured image of the subject, see column 15 lines 40-50), recording customer identification information if it is determined that the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from the customer (a new approved subject database record, see the database tables in columns 7 and 8, column 13 lines 24-56, and column 15 lines 7-59), wherein the

customer identification information comprises information (date of birth, last name, first name, see the approved subject database table in column 8) derived from the extracted textual data, wherein the customer identification information comprises a name of the customer (see the approved subject database table in column 8), wherein the customer identification information is further derived from one of the first and second sets of biometric data (the identifying biometric data element descriptor and the identifying biometric data element used as a key, see the approved subject database table in column 8), wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from image data on the verification instrument (the photo on the credential), wherein the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from facial features (a facial photo), wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded magnetically on the verification instrument (read using magnetic stripe reader 3, see figure 1 and column 11 lines 1-2), wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded optically on the verification instrument (the printed textual data on the credential), wherein extracting textual data comprises: extracting a database reference number (a credential number for the verification reference database, see column 8) from the verification instrument and retrieving the textual data regarding the customer from a database with the database reference number (see column 12 lines 35-44), prompting the customer to enter data for comparison with the retrieved textual data (the customer enters the data by providing the credential), wherein the comparing the first and second sets of image data comprises having a human examine the first and second sets of image data (see column 15 lines 51-59) , wherein the stored set of biometric has previously been authenticated by comparison

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between a set of biometric data extracted from a verification instrument and a second set of biometric data extracted directly from at least one feature of the customer (see column 3 lines 44-50, the approved subject database in column 8, and column 13 lines 51-65), a plurality of networked devices (see column 4 lines 28-36), a second identification device (optical credential scanner 4) adapted to extract a second set of identification data and textual data regarding the customer from a verification instrument, a storage device (6) in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices for storing customer identification information derived from the textual data, a comparator in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices, the comparator being configured to compare the first and second sets of identification data to determine whether the first and second sets of identification data are derived from a single individual, wherein the comparator (evaluation station controller 5) is local to the at least one of the self-service devices, wherein the comparator (not shown) is networked with the plurality of self-service device (the comparison is performed by an administrative station using an administrative validation request, see column 14 lines 33-47) (also see figures 1-2D, column 1 lines 6-19, column 2 lines 40-50, column 2 line 60 - column 3 line 2, column 3 lines 6-19, 24-50, column 4 lines 28-59, column 5 lines 20-33, column 5 line 60 - column 6 line 8, column 6 lines 17-59, column 7 lines 11-25, the database tables in columns 7 and 8, column 10 line 37 - column 11 line 15, column 11 line 50 - column 12 line 63, column 13 line 24 - column 14 line 4, column 14 lines 12-16, 33-47, and column 15 lines 7-59).

In view of Cadorette, Jr. et al's teachings, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include, with the method and system as taught by Stinson et al, extracting a first set of biometric data regarding the customer from a verification instrument, extracting textual data regarding the customer from the verification instrument, comparing the first and second sets of biometric data to determine whether the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from a single individual, recording customer identification information if it is determined that the first and second sets of biometric data are derived from the customer, wherein the customer identification information comprises information derived from the extracted textual data, wherein the customer identification information comprises a name of the customer, wherein the customer identification information is further derived from one of the first and second sets of biometric data, wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from image data on the verification instrument, wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded magnetically on the verification instrument, wherein the textual data are derived from data encoded optically on the verification instrument, wherein extracting textual data comprises: extracting a database reference number from the verification instrument and retrieving the textual data regarding the customer from a database with the database reference number, prompting the customer to enter data for comparison with the retrieved textual data, wherein the comparing the first and second sets of image data comprises having a human examine the first and second sets of image data, wherein the stored set of biometric has previously been authenticated by comparison between a set of biometric data extracted from a verification instrument and a second

set of biometric data extracted directly from at least one feature of the customer, a second identification device adapted to extract a second set of identification data and textual data regarding the customer from a verification instrument, a storage device in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices for storing customer identification information derived from the textual data, a comparator in communication with the at least one of the self-service devices, the comparator being configured to compare the first and second sets of identification data to determine whether the first and second sets of identification data are derived from a single individual, wherein the comparator is local to the at least one of the self-service devices, wherein the comparator is networked with the plurality of self-service device, in order to provide a method for verifying the identity of a new customer using an identification credential, thereby increasing the security of the system.

5. Claims 11, 12, 38, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al in view of Norton (US 6,243,689 B1, cited by applicant).

The teachings of Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al have been discussed above.

Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al fails to teach wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from data encoded magnetically on the verification instrument, wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from data encoded optically on the verification instrument.

Norton teaches a verification instrument (check 10) having a set of biometric data optically encoded or magnetically encoded thereon (via barcode 30 or a magnetic strip, not shown), and deriving biometric data from data encoded optically or magnetically on the verification instrument (see figures 1, 6, column 4 lines 9-13, 44-67, and column 9 line 19 - column 10 line 13).

In view of Norton's teachings, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include, with the method and system as taught by Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al, wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from data encoded magnetically on the verification instrument, wherein the first set of biometric data is derived from data encoded optically on the verification instrument, in order to provide the biometric data in a readily machine readable format.

6. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al further in view of Ortiz (US 2002/0091937 A1).

The teachings of Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al fails to teach wherein the self-service device is a personal computer, wherein the self-service device is a personal digital assistant.

Ortiz teaches a method for authorizing a customer to perform transactions with a self-service device, wherein the self-service device is a personal computer (workstation 24), wherein the self-service device is a personal digital assistant (wireless device 16) (see figure 1, paragraphs 2, and 45-48).

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In view of Oritz's teachings, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include, with the method and system as taught by Stinson et al as modified by Cadorette, Jr. et al, wherein the self-service device is a personal computer, wherein the self-service device is a personal digital assistant, in order to provide compatibility with a greater number of self-service devices, thereby increasing the versatility of the system.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bennett (US 5,642,160), Kanoh et al (US 6,109,524) and Kodera (JP 9-245231) all teach transaction authorization methods and systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared J. Fureman whose telephone number is (703) 305-0424. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 PM M-T, and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

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